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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
CALTRANS, 1120 N Street
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
                 for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SJCCOG FTIP AMENDMENT No. 5 (Administrative)

We have completed our review of the San Joaquin County Council of Governments' (SJCCOG's) Amendment No. 5 to its 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated February 11, 1997. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993. This administrative amendment added an $8,000,000 accelerated project to the State Highway Operation and Protection Plan (SHOPP) to the 1997 FTIP.

We find that this SJCCOG FTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). The projects included in this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments (dated March 8, 1996).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of SJCCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely yours,

For:
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator